have just sanctioned an estimate for Rs. 1,660 for sinking two wells in the town of Changanacherri.

84. The need for improving the Changanacherri market road.

Mr. Chacko Ouseph (Member, T. I. C., Changanacherri) said that the Changanacherri market was one of the most important and popular markets in the State. The trade there was enormous, but the market road was quite inadequate for the purpose. Thousands flocked to the market and there was hardly room for them to move about. To remedy the evil, the Member suggested that the existing road should be extended westwards and roads 15 feet in width should be constructed on either side of the Market Canal as early as practicable. He also suggested that, as the condition of the existing road was bad in the rainy weather and as the road would be waterlogged then, the road should be metalled and the road gutters renewed.

Dewan's reply.—An estimate for Rs. 1,740 has been sanctioned for repairing the market roads and gutters, but the work was not taken up for want of funds in the current year. The Government will see if funds could be provided for the work in the next year's budget.

85. The construction of a navigable canal from Cherukara to Changanacherri.

Mr. Geevargese Devasya (Member, Trading Classes, Changanacherri) said that the existing canal from Cherukara in the Vembanad lake to the Changanacherri market landing place was narrow and circuitous and was unfit for the passage of large cargo boats. The length of the canal was 12 miles, while the distance from Cherukara to the Changanacherri market landing place was only 4 miles. During the hot weather, there was not sufficient water in the canal for navigation. In the interests of the large trade between Changanacherri and the northern parts of the State and in view of the difficulties of the existing canal, he requested that a straight canal, with the necessary width and depth, should be opened from the Changanacherri market landing place to the Cherukara *kayal*.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

86. Improvement of the means for communication in the Meenachil taluk.

Mr. Oolahannan Oolahannan (Member, Meenachil taluk) requested that the following works might be undertaken for the benefit of the taluk as early as practicable:—

(1) A bridge over the Meenachil river in the Lalam—Ponkunnam road should be constructed. The inhabitants of the villages on the southern side of the river had great difficulties to go to the public institutions at Pala for want of a bridge over the river.

(2) The following roads should be properly maintained :—

(*a*) Lalam–Erattupetta road.
(*b*) Lalam–Thodupuzha road.
(*c*) Lalam–Ponkunnam road.
(*d*) Erattupetta–Kanjirapalli road.
(*e*) Erattupetta–Poonjar road.
(*f*) Ambara–Mankombu road.
(*g*) Pizhaku–Melkavu road.

(3) The following village roads should be improved and made cartable:—

(*a*) Lalam–Ramapuram village road.
(*b*) Lalam–Kozha village road.
(*c*) The village road running from the 8th mile in the Bharananganom-Lalam–Ponkunnam road to Idamattom, Vilakumadom and other places.

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